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November Field Trip

The November Field Trip was taken to Rodeo Lagoon, Marin County, on Sunday, November 14, 1948. The members and guests gathered at the north approach of the Golden Gate Bridge and in a body drove to the Military Reservation and through the tunnel. At the west end of the tunnel the cars were parked and the trip started.

There were too many present for one group so three groups were formed and under very competent leaders proceeded down the valley. One group took the north side of the valley, another took the south side while the third covered most of the middle of the valley. The three main groups at times split into smaller groups so the entire valley was very well covered. When the lagoon was reached the groups all came together and later had lunch on the beach by a drift-wood fire.

The weather was fine for birding, the sky being overcast most of the time, no fog, and cool enough not to get overheated. The air was so clear that the Farallone Islands could be seen with the naked eye. After lunch the sun did shine awhile and it became quite warm.

Due to the many groups covering the ground so thoroughly and the many kinds of habitat, a large number of birds were seen. The habitats included dry hillsides, fresh water marshes, small runs with water, willow bordered creek, open meadows, salt marshes, salt water lagoon and sandy beach.

The highlight of the trip was the spotting and observation on the lagoon of a Pomarine Jaeger. As there were only large birds such as gulls and pelicans present with the Jaeger no attacking of birds by the Jaeger was seen.

About sixty members and guests were present.

Seventy-five species of birds were noted as follows:

Common Loon	Green-winged Teal	Marsh Hawk
Pacific Loon	Cinnamon Teal	Duck Hawk
Red-throated Loon	Canvas-back Duck	Sparrow Hawk
Horned Grebe	Scaup Duck	California Quail
Eared Grebe	Buffle-head Duck	Virginia Rail
Western Grebe	Scoter	Coot
Pied-billed Grebe	Ruddy Duck	Killdeer
California Brown Pelican	Red-breasted Merganser	Wilson's Snipe
Farallon Cormorant	Turkey Vulture	Spotted Sandpiper
American Egret	Sharp-skinned Hawk	Greater Yellow-legs
Mallard Duck	Cooper Hawk	Least Sandpiper
Pintail Duck	Red-tailed Hawk	Pomarine Jaeger

Glaucous-Winged Gull	Crow	Western Meadowlark
Western Gull	Chesnut-backed Chick- adee	Brewer Blackbird
California Gull	Bush-Tit	Cal. Purple Finch
Short-billed Gull	Wren-Tit	House Finch
Heerman's Gull	Bewick Wren	Spotted Towhee
Anna's Hummingbird	Marsh Wren	Brown Towhee
Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush	Savannah Sparrow
Red-shafted Flicker	Western Bluebird	Lark Sparrow
Downy Woodpecker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	White-crowned Sparrow
Black Phoebe	American Pipit	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Say's Phoebe	California Shrike	Fox Sparrow
Horned Lark	Audubon Warbler	Song Sparrow
California Jay	Yellow-throat	
American Raven		

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October Field Trip

To the delight of the 34 members and guests attending, Sunday, October 17th was one of those exquisite, summerlike days so typical of San Francisco fall weather.

The first stop in Golden Gate Park was near Pioneer Cabin to see Nuttall sparrows, a spotted towhee, robin, cedar wax-wings and others; from there, the group went to Stow Lake to see ducks, gulls, and grebes; then along South Drive to Mallard Lake, where lunch was eaten; next, by car, to Middle Lake where a Warbler was seen which could not with certainty be identified as either Audubon or Myrtle.

31 species were seen.

Eared Grebe	Western Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Pied-billed Grebe	California Gull	Hutton Vireo
Mallard	Anna Hummingbird	Audubon Warbler
Baldpate	Belted Kingfisher	English Sparrow
Pintail	Red-shafted Flicker	Brewer Blackbird
Canvas-back	Downy Woodpecker	Spotted Towhee
Ruddy Duck	Black Phoebe	Nuttall Sparrow
Hawk (unid.)	Chestnut-backed	Fox Sparrow
probably Cooper	Chickadee	Song Sparrow
California Quail	Bush-Tit	
Coot	Creeper	
Glaucous-winged Gull	Robin	

Those attending: Mr. & Mrs. Berry, Kilham, Leinbach, Smith; Mrs. Bozant; Curtis, Matheson, L. McClenaghan, D. McClanaghan, Preston, Richardson, Stowell, Wesely; Misses; Bennett, C. Paroni, C. A. Paroni, Roscoe, Young; Mr. Bennett, David, Mayers, Myer, Peterson, Lindblad, Schulz, Tobisch, C. Trilling, T. Trilling, Tobksch, Werner, Will.

VEE CURTIS, *Leader and Historian*

New Members

We welcome the following new members: Miss Winifred Donahue, Mr. Ph. H. Lasher, Mrs. Wm. F. Timlow, San Francisco; Mrs. Margaret K. Anderson, Miss Carrie I. Castle, Dr. Carl W. Koerper, Mrs. Ralph L. Weber, Mr. Robert Will, Oakland; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Moore, Piedmont; Mrs. Margaret Canty, Mr. Louis Elmore, Mr. Russell H. Pray, Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Stuebgen, Miss Lillian Underwood, Berkeley; Mrs. Paul F. Cadman, Mrs. Lindsay Campbell, Lafayette; Mrs. Katherine M. Ross, Richmond; Miss Adele Van Loben Sels, Courtland; Mr. W. W. Mein III, Redwood, Calif.

High Lights of October and November Meetings

A letter of protest will go to the Government department responsible for the conditions at Tule Lake, which resulted in the destruction of many thousands of birds.

A protest was made concerning the tentative plan of the City of Berkeley to fill in the Berkeley Aquatic Park. Volunteers agreed to investigate the matter more fully.

The nominating committee for the coming annual election of officers will be; Mr. Walter Bradley, Mr. Arthur Bennett, Mrs. Enid Austin and Miss Jean Fay.

The attendance at the two meetings, was gratifying; 127 being present, among them Mr. and Mrs. Hudson of Honolulu, Mrs. Bosworth of Los Angeles and Mrs. Hood, President of the Los Angeles Audubon Society.

Mr. Howard Cogswell gave a most interesting talk on the "Birds of the Norden Area" explaining the terrain and bird habitats of that section, where the Audubon Camp was situated.

Dr. T. Eric Reynolds in his "Biographical Sketches" brought out the fact that very many of these eminent men lived just at the turn of the nineteenth century; and were professional men pursuing ornithology as an avocation.

HAZEL WALSH, *Recording Secretary.*

Observations

Edited by JUNEA W. KELLY

The following observations have been reported:

1 male Green-winged Teal, Jewel Lake, Regional Park, Berkeley., 25 Buffleheads near Belvedere, Marin Co., Nov. 11, Vee Curtis.

3 Varied Thrushes, 1 Golden Eagle, El Sobrante, Contra Costa Co., Nov. 7, Walter W. Bradley.

2 Hooded Mergansers, Jewel Lake, Regional Park, Nov. 4, Junea W. Kelly. W. Kelly.

December Field Trip

The annual duck census will be taken December 12th at Lake Merritt, Oakland. Members and friends coming from San Francisco, take "B" train at 9:21 a. m. Meet at the Duck Feeding Station at 10 a. m. East Bay members take Bus 12 or 18. Get off on Grand Avenue at Perkins St. Mrs. Enid Austin will conduct the census. Bring lunch, binoculars and friends.

December Meeting

The 375th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held December 9th at 8 p. m. in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, Larkin & McAllister Sts. Mr. Cecil Tose of the California Academy of Sciences, will tell of his decent trip into British Columbia, illustrated with color pictures. No-host dinner at Hotel Whitcomb, Market near 8th Street, at 6 p. m.

ANNUAL BIRD CENSUS of San Francisco will be taken January 2nd, 1949. Those wishing to help communicate with the President, Mrs. Ethel Richardson, ASh. 3-5292, or with the Chairman, Mr. Herman Leffler, OL. 2-0270 or OL. 3-4545.

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